



DOE DIALOGUE | Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz
February 3, 2014

Superintendent Glenda Ritz will send her personal message in another DOE Dialogue this week following the Indiana State Board of Education meeting on Wednesday.

Memorandum

MEMORANDUM: Hoosier Heroine Contest, write a 500 to 700 word essay as to who is your heroine from Indiana and why and possibly win a visit with the first ladies of Indiana. Students in grades 6 - 9 can write an essay about your Hoosier Heroine for a chance to visit the Indiana Statehouse as a special guest of First Lady Karen Pence, Lt. Governor Sue Ellsperman, Secretary of State Connie Lawson, Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz and State Auditor Suzanne Crouch. Essays must be submitted by Friday, February 21, 2014. See the attachment for further instructions. ([attachment](#))

MEMORANDUM: The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's [Earth Day 2014 registration](#) has begun and will go until March 3rd. There is no cost for the interactive presentations and they are available for grades K-6. Topics for Earth Day are: air, land and water quality, recycling, and Jeopardy. Earth Day 2014 dates are April 7th - April 18th. Presentations are available two weeks prior to Earth Day each year. Visit www.in.gov/idem/iee/ for presentation topic descriptions and additional information. If you have questions, call our Environmental Education Coordinator at education@idem.IN.gov or 1-800-451-6027, and ask for extension 3-5433.

MEMORANDUM: The Indiana Department of Education, Office of School and Community Nutrition, is now accepting nominations through February 21, 2014, for the School Food Service Employee of the Year. You have the opportunity to publicly recognize employees who make outstanding contributions to school food service. We would like to thank the Indiana Nutrition Council for supporting this award by generously providing \$200 to the 2014 award recipient. For information on how to nominate a deserving school food service employee, click [here](#). For further information contact Suzette Hartmann toll free at 800-537-1142 (ext. 20868), locally at 317-232-0868, or via email at shartman@doe.in.gov

MEMORANDUM: [National School Counseling Week](#), February 3-7, 2014, to recognize the unique contributions of professional school counselors in improving student achievement and preparing all K-12 students to be productive citizens in a global economy. The [Indiana School Counselor Association](#), [Indiana Counseling Association](#) and [Indiana Association for College Admission Counseling](#) encourage schools and parents to take a moment to recognize their local school counselor during National School Counseling Week! For more information contact:

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aculhan@doe.in.gov Indiana Department of Education - School
Counseling: <http://www.doe.in.gov/schoolcounseling>

MEMORANDUM: : The Indiana Department of Education's online application for K-12 school/corporation Technology Plans is now open for plan/update submission. All Technology Plans and updates should have been in draft stage prior to January 1, 2014. Plans and updates must be submitted for approval on or before March 1, 2014. Draft stage is defined as Sections II, III and IV have been started. As a reminder, Technology Plans need to be addressed yearly. The technology planning process in Indiana follows a three year cycle with schools needing to either create a new plan (year 1) or provide an update to their plan (years 2 and 3). The plan includes the following sections:

- Section I: Technology Trends Survey (28 questions)
- Section II: Corporation Level Plan (minimum 3 goals with strategies and metrics)
- Section III: Corporation Level Budget (covers 3 years)
- Section IV: School Level Plans (minimum 3 goals/building with strategies and metrics; the goals can be the same as the district goals)

Tech Plan communications will be posted in the Learning Connection IDOE - Online Technology Plan community. Deadline March 1, 2014: Technology Plan has been submitted for approval. DOE-Online Tech Plan URL: <https://dc.doe.state.in.us/doeonline/Login.aspx> Please contact dryan@doe.in.gov if you need assistance with accessing your Technology Plan

MEMORANDUM: Chronic Absenteeism Website has been developed in response IC 20-19-3-12.2, which requires the Indiana Department of Education to provide resources and guidance to school corporations concerning effective strategies to reduce absenteeism in schools. The resources can be found at: <http://www.doe.in.gov/absenteeism>. Contact Cathy Danyluk at 317/232-9150 or cdanyluk@doe.in.gov if you need additional information.

MEMORANDUM: 2014 summer school program, The State Board of Education met Wednesday, January 15, 2014, and approved the categories for the 2014 summer school program. Please note the three-category method of classifying courses for the purpose of reimbursing instructional costs as detailed in [attachment](#). Please refer to the IDOE website Summer School page (www.doe.in.gov/idoegrantsmanagement/summer-school) or contact DeVonne Richburg by email at drichburg@doe.in.gov with any questions about summer school programs. ([see attachment](#))

MEMORANDUM: [CoreLink Assessment Implementation](#), The U.S. Department of Education requires states to administer assessments aligned to college- and career-ready standards by the spring of 2015. The Indiana Education Roundtable and Indiana State Board of Education are expected to adopt a new set of college- and career-ready standards on or before July 1, 2014. These new Indiana standards will be used to create college- and career-ready assessments for administration during the spring of 2015. Therefore, the Indiana Department of Education will require the online administration of items from CTB's CoreLink item bank in May of 2014 to students in grades 3-8 as outline in attachment. The Spring 2014 CoreLink Online testing window approved by the State Board of Education is May 5-16, 2014. Additional details regarding the Spring 2014 CoreLink Online test administration will be provided to **Corporation Test Coordinators** in the coming weeks. [Please see attachment](#)

MEMORANDUM: [College- and Career-Readiness Assessment Implementation](#): During the 2013 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly passed [HEA 1005](#), and the Governor signed PL 268-2013 into law. A component of this law ([IC 20-32-9](#)) requires public and state-accredited nonpublic school students who meet specific criteria to take a college- and career-readiness exam and potentially receive remediation. The assessment selected to meet the requirements of this law for the 2013-14 school year is ACCUPLACER Diagnostics. IDOE contacts for this program include Amanda Culhan (aculhan@doe.in.gov), Dr. Leslie Fatum (lfatum@doe.in.gov), and Adam Mastrucci

(amastrucci@doe.in.gov). [2013-14 Qualification Criteria for ACCUPLACER Diagnostics Participation](#)

Information From Other Agencies

Learn More Indiana's Spanish Mini-Guides are here! Now you can share important information about planning, preparing and paying for college and career success in Spanish! Learn More Indiana's three-page mini-guides contain important information for parents of students in grades K-2 and 3-5. Download and print the [grades K-2 Spanish mini-guide](#) or the [grades 3-5 Spanish mini-guide](#). Look for Spanish versions of *LEARN MORE* magazine this fall, too.

LEARN MORE Magazine Contest: Your school could be spotlighted in *LEARN MORE* magazine! Think your students have what it takes to be featured in Learn More Indiana's annual student success guide? Want to let us know what you think of *LEARN MORE*? Provide feedback (anytime) or enter our contest (by February 14, 2014) [here](#).

FAFSA Friday: Learn More Indiana's annual FAFSA Friday live webinar is on February 21, 2014 at noon and 6 pm. Financial aid experts will be present to answer questions and talk students and parents through the process of completing this crucial application. Would your school like to be featured? Contact Amber Audrain for more information.

Amber Audrain, the College Success Campaign Manager, is the contact for the Commission for Higher Education regarding these initiatives, Email: audrain@che.in.gov or 317-464-4400 ext. 13

Central Indiana Educational Services, (CIESC) offers a variety of professional learning workshops, to view these events visit www.ciesc.k12.in.us, view events calendar on right side bar or click on Services, then Professional Learning.

FEBRUARY

- Leadership Skills for Non-Instructional Supervisors - February 3, 2014 at CIESC. For further information contact Susie Gardiner (Golding) CIESC Programs Manager www.ciesc.k12.in.us 317-759-5554 ([See Flyer](#))
- Mathematics Workshop K-8 February 14, 2014 8:30-3:30 Click [HERE](#) How do we help students become better problem solvers, better at reasoning mathematically, and better at justifying their answers? Presenters will share methods for making problem solving an ongoing and expected part of classroom instruction.
- Principal Selection Tools and Training with New Leaders at CIESC on Feb. 4, 2014 9 AM - 3 PM to register Click [HERE](#) New Leaders, a national non-profit has partnered with corporations and ESCs in Indiana, providing superintendents with tools and training to implement a rigorous, competency-based approach to hiring principals. These tools are available to all school corporations in Indiana free of charge.

MARCH

- Thinking Maps Workshop March 17, 2014 8:30 - 3:30 Click [HERE](#) ,Thinking Maps™ provide a strategic approach for building a common language for learning within and across disciplines through visual patterns.

Northwest Indiana Education Service Center has many Professional Learning opportunities this year 2013 - 2014 for our Indiana educators. To register and view these events visit <http://www.nwiesc.k12.in.us/site/default.aspx?PageID=1> or call 219-926-5555.

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6 - Leadership Skills for Non-Instructional Supervisors https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0004-0003-9844671D36584309B1A639B27C4719B3

10 - Creating a Classroom Where Readers Flourish https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0004-0003-cd0fd71196224e139c27d9c3d676affb

13 - Teacher as Architect-21st Century Classroom Instruction https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0004-0003-693F564C280F43189CD27F28B50F012C

Register online www.nwiesc.k12.in.us. If you have any questions, please contact Margie DeCraene at mdecraene@nwiesc.k12.in.us.

The East Central Educational Service Center offers many opportunities to educators throughout the year. Upcoming events for early 2014 include:

- Keys to Comprehension: Cohort 1 (Grades 4-12), February 5, April 15, and May 8.
- Classroom Culture, Management and Positive Discipline, February 27.
- *Echoes and Reflections* - Holocaust Education Program, March 13.

For more information or if you would like to register to www.ecesc.k12.in.us And click on Workshop Registration. Contact Mary Barbour at 800-669-3010 or mbarbour@ecesc.k12.in.us if you need additional information. ([see schedule](#))

Legislative Updates

Legislation The Indiana Dept. of Education is currently following that may interest Superintendents and Principals around Indiana.

HB1319

EDUCATION MATTERS ([Behning, Robert](#)) - Repeals a provision that establishes an expiration date of January 1, 2015, for the commission on education (commission). Provides that the commission may study and evaluate issues relating to the education of the citizens of Indiana. Changes the date, from December 1 to November 1, on which the commission's final report is due. Makes conforming amendments. Requires the department of education (department) to disaggregate from the ISTEP program test results the percentage of students in each school and each grade who are identified as high ability students by the school corporation who achieved a score in the highest performance level designated for the ISTEP program test. Requires the department to develop a format for school corporations to publish, as part of the school corporation's annual report, the percentage of students in each school and each grade who are identified as high ability students and also achieved a score in the highest performance level designated for the ISTEP test. Requests the legislative council to assign certain topics to the commission.

Amendments:

[For Study Only ,student discipline and the suspension, expulsion, or exclusion of a student from school.](#)

For Study Only, during the 2014 legislative interim the topics of:

(1)

[requirements for schools to make up time for days on which the start of the school day was delayed;](#)
[andâ€“\(2\) school start times in general; in relation to academic achievement, student safety, and parental work schedules.](#)

Current Status: 01/30/2014 Referred to Senate

HB1349

CLASSROOM EXPENSE PROGRAM (Smaltz Ben) Establishes the classroom expense fund to provide advances to educators for amounts expended on classroom supplies. Provides that money from the fund be used to supplement, not replace, the money otherwise being used for classroom supplies. Provides that any

money in the fund is continually appropriated.

Current Status: 01/27/2014 Committee Report do pass, adopted.

HB1210 TEACHER LOAN REPAYMENT (Moed Justin) Provides an educational loan repayment for a public elementary or high school teacher who: (1) was in the highest 20% of the individual's high school graduating classes or in the top twentieth percentile on the SAT or ACT examination; (2) graduated from college with at least a 3.5 grade point average; and (3) teaches science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or special education, or teaches in a critical shortage geographic area; in a public school in Indiana. Provides that at the end of the third consecutive year the teacher teaches, the commission for higher education makes a payment of \$9,000 or the balance of the teachers student loans (whichever is less) directly to the financial institution that holds the teachers student loans. 1210 was reassigned to the House Ways and Means committee.

Current Status: 01/27/2014 Representative Bob Behning added as coauthor. Committee Report do pass, adopte

HB1233 BACKGROUND CHECKS BY SCHOOLS (Thompson J) Makes changes to the definition of "expanded criminal history check". Provides that an employee of a school corporation, a charter school, or an accredited nonpublic school must receive an expanded criminal history check every five years.

Current Status: 01/29/2014 Senator Kruse added as sponsor

01/29/2014 Senator Broden added as cosponsor

01/29/2014 Senator Yoder added as cosponsor

01/28/2014 Referred to Senate

01/28/2014 Passed Indiana House Roll Call yeas 93, nays 0

SB159 CHARTER SCHOOLS (Kenley Luke) Adds a definition of an "adult high school". Repeals a provision that prohibits the establishment of new adult high schools. Provides that, after June 30, 2014, before an authorizer may grant a charter to establish or renew a charter for an adult high school, the organizer must have the proposal to establish the charter school: (1) approved by the state board of education; and (2) reviewed by the budget committee. Requires a charter for an adult high school to contain certain requirements. Provides that, with certain exceptions, for state fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2014, an adult high school is not entitled to receive funding from the state unless the general assembly enacts an appropriation for the adult high school. Provides that an adult high school is subject to alternative accountability system established by the state board. Provides that certain authorizers may collect a 3% administrative fee from the amount appropriated to an adult high school (Current law provides that an authorizer may collect the administrative fee from the charter schools basic tuition support)

Current Status: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 159, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED

SB 159 passes committee 10 yeas 0 nays after amendments

01-30-14 Representative Huston added second sponsor.

01-30-14 Representative Tim Brown added as first sponsor

01-30-14 purpose the representative Terry Goodin added as third sponsor

01-28-14 Senator Randolph added as co-author

01-28-14 Bill Referred to House

([click on SB 159 for Amendments](#))

SB276

MUSIC COURSES IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM. (Kruse Dennis) Requires each school corporation to offer music classes as part of the school corporation's curriculum. Requires each school corporation to include music ensembles for grade 7 through grade 12.

Current Status:

02/03/14 SB 276 on second reading in Senate

01/30/14 Committee Report passes

01/28/14 Senator Alting added as coauthor ([See Amendments](#))

SB331

SECOND SERVICE FOR VETERANS (Glick Susan)

Establishes the second service for veterans program to attract veteran students to the teaching profession. Requires a state educational institution to adopt a policy to award educational credit to a veteran or an individual serving in the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard who completes courses: (1) at a postsecondary educational institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency or association; and (2) that meet the state educational institution's role, scope, and mission. Requires a state educational institution to adopt a policy to award educational credit to a veteran or an individual serving in the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard who completes certain college equivalency examinations that meet the state educational institution's role, scope, and mission. Provides that the state educational institution's policy must provide that educational credit awarded to an individual applies to the individual's degree requirements if the credit is comparable and applicable to credit necessary for the individual to meet the individual's degree requirements.

Current Status: 01/30/2014 Representative Zent added as sponsor.

SB 331 passed committee with 11 Yeas 0 Nays ([See Amendments](#))

SB 344

SCHOOL BUILDING SAFETY (Hume, Lindel) - Establishes the division of school building physical security and safety (division) within the department of education (department). Requires the division to develop and maintain nonbinding guidelines for new buildings or facilities used in the operation or administration of a school corporation. Provides that a school corporation may request the division to make physical security or safety recommendations for the renovation, repair, or alteration of an existing building or facility used in the operation or administration of the school corporation. Requires a school corporation to consider guidelines developed by the division when developing plans and specifications for the construction, renovation, or alteration of a school facility. Provides that the department may include in the department's central

clearinghouse at least one model prototype design for the construction of a school facility that complies with the guidelines developed by the division.

Current Status: 01/22/2014 Senate Education and Career Development, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

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